The Strange Tales of Oscar Zahn

THE LAST SOLDIER OF SOMME

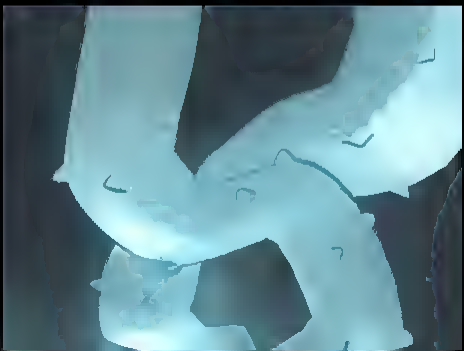
ACT 3

CHAPTER 7

HOLY JEEZ OSCAR! IS THAT YOU UP THERE?
NO! THAT'S NOT ME! IT'S NOT! IT'S...

IT'S A... PARASITE. AND I AM IT'S CAPTOR.

IT FEEDS ON ECTOPLASMIC MATTER BUT IT CARES NOT FOR IT'S ORIGIN.
WITHOUT MY INTELLIGENCE CONSTRAINING IT, IT WOULD GLADLY TURN UPON YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS!



HNNNGH!
O-OKAY...
THAT'S E-ENOUGH...
NO MORE!

I SAID ENOUGH!

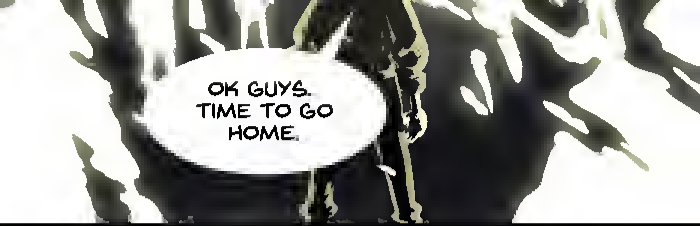
OOF!

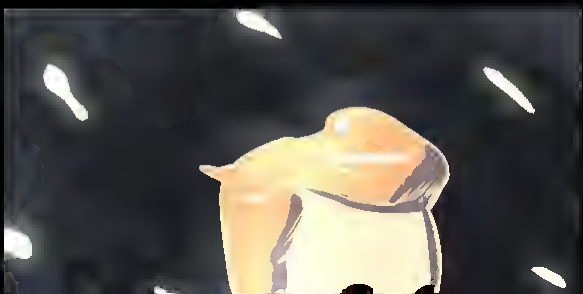
ACK!
BONK

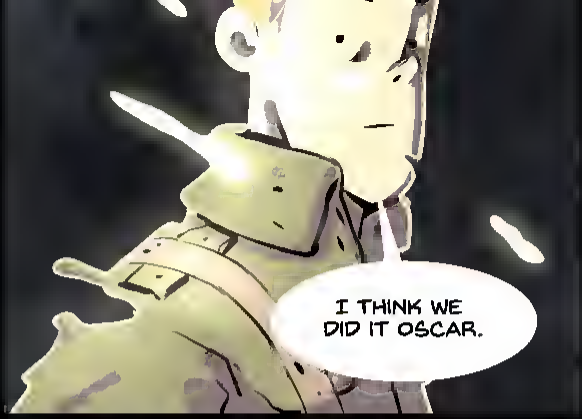
BEAST!
HOW I DESPISE
YOU....

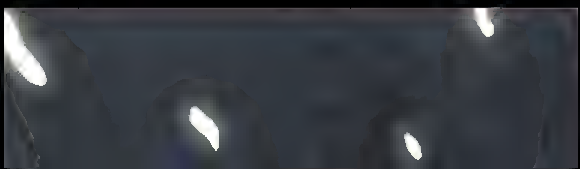
... BUT I ADMIT IT'S NICE TO HAVE A BODY OF SORTS AGAIN FOR A WHILE...

CHARLIE?


OK GUYS.
TIME TO GO
HOME.




I THINK WE
DID IT OSCAR.



I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT CHARLIE.
BRAVE BOY.

WE MAKE QUITE THE TEAM HUH? ME WITH MUSCLES AND BRAINS AND YOU WITH YOUR GOOD LOOKS.
THINK THERE'S A FUTURE IN STORE FOR US?
A MAN COULDN'T ASK FOR A MORE COURAGEOUS PARTNER...

... OR A TRUER FRIEND.
BUT I THINK SOMEBODY'S BEEN WAITING A LONG TIME TO SEE YOU.
HUH?

HEY DUMMY.

SIS?

I'VE WAITED SO LONG TO DO THIS.
CHARLENE... I... I'M SORRY I DIDN'T LISTEN TO YOU BACK THEN.
I THOUGHT... I WOULD BE HOME IN A FEW WEEKS.

BUT IT ALL WENT SO WRONG SO FAST...
WHAT I MUST HAVE PUT YOU THROUGH...
CHARLIE... SHUSH.
WE CAN NEVER GO BACK.

LET'S SEE WHAT'S AROUND THE CORNER TOGETHER OK?
WELL OSCAR...

... IT'S BEEN A LIFE ...

ONTO NEW ADVENTURES CHARLIE
... NEW

(NOT) THE END.

AUTHOR'S NOTE:

OMG! WE FINALLY MADE IT TO THE END! THERE'S BEEN TIMES WHEN I THOUGHT WE WOULD NEVER GET HERE AND THIS FINAL CHAPTER WAS PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT TO WRITE WITH LOTS OF HANDWRINGING AND AGONIZING OVER HOW TO WRAP UP THIS STORY.

IN RETROSPECT, I THINK MY AMBITIONS FOR THIS STORY OUTSTRIPPED MY ABILITIES AS A WRITER. HAVING JUST FINISHED THE COMIC A FEW MINUTES AGO, I CAN'T REALLY COMMENT ON HOW I FEEL ABOUT IT JUST YET.

I CAN SAY THAT THE CHARACTERS SEEMED TO TAKE OVER THE STORY AT CERTAIN POINTS AND FORCE THE PLOT IN UNEXPECTED DIRECTIONS. IT WAS ALSO EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR ME TO SAY GOODBYE TO CHARLIE.

SO WHAT'S NEXT FOR OSCAR ZAHN? I DON'T REALLY KNOW TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH. THE COMIC WILL BE GOING ON A TWO WEEK HIATUS FOR THE HOLIDAYS SO I CAN RECHARGE MY BATTERIES BUT REST ASSURED OSCAR ZAHN WILL BE BACK IN THE NEW YEAR!

I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR READING AND SUPPORTING THE COMIC. WITHOUT YOU READERS, OSCAR ZAHN WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CONTINUE SO PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THE COMIC!

AND FINALLY AN EXTRA SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES TO MY PATREON SUPPORTERS. YOU GUYS LITERALLY HELP ME KEEP THE LIGHTS ON! A BIG THANK YOU TO NEW PLEDGERS:

MORGAN S.
DELILAH H.
AND THE DEVELOPMENT HELL PODCAST!

ANYWAYS I AM OFF! HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

P.S. I'M HAVING SOME PROBLEMS STREAMING TO TWITCH CONSISTENTLY. ANYBODY HAVE ANY TIPS? I'M USING OBS IF THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

IF YOU ARE ENJOYING THE COMIC PLEASE CLICK THE "LIKE" BUTTON, IT REALLY HELPS OUT!

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